GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEMOLITION OF JHUGGIES IN CHANDIGARH
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a large number of cases, Chandigarh Administration had some time back demolished Jhuggies of those persons who are eligible for allotment of alternative dwelling units in accordance with the scheme framed for the purpose;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the name and location of the colony, the number of eligible persons and the reasons for rendering them homeless before offering the alternative dwelling units; and

(c) the action taken to rehabilitate them now?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a) to (c): The Chandigarh Administration had demolished about 2280 jhuggies in Palsora Colony No. 2, Sectors 55-56 and in Shaheed Bhagat Singh Colony, Sector 49, Chandigarh out of which 1056 persons have already been rehabilitated in Sector 56 under the Rehabilitation Scheme, 1979. The work is also under process for rehabilitating the remaining persons and will be done as and when the houses are reconstructed by the Chandigarh Housing Board. The jhuggies had to be demolished as the land under encroachment was to be allotted to the societies for which members of the societies were agitating for a long time. Some of the demolished jhuggies were also covered under the Rehabilitation Scheme.